

**641—2.5(135) Hepatitis vaccination and testing program.**

**2.5(1)** When sufficient state and federal funds are available, the department will establish a vaccination and testing program. The program shall offer HCV testing and hepatitis A and B vaccinations through local health departments, clinics, and community-based organizations to high-risk individuals as defined in 2.5(2) and 2.5(3). Contracted agencies offering testing and vaccination services shall be required to provide integrated HIV, viral hepatitis, and sexually transmitted disease education; pretest and posttest counseling; and referral services.

**2.5(2)** Contracted agencies shall offer HCV testing to the following high-risk individuals:

- a.* Persons who have ever injected drugs;
- b.* Injection drug users who share needles or other equipment;
- c.* Persons who receive blood, blood products, or organ transplants prior to 1992; and
- d.* Persons ever on long-term hemodialysis.

**2.5(3)** Contracted agencies shall offer hepatitis A and B vaccinations to the following high-risk individuals:

- a.* Injection and noninjection drug users;
- b.* Men who have sex with men;
- c.* Persons with a diagnosis of a recently acquired sexually transmitted disease (STD);
- d.* HIV- or HCV-infected persons; and
- e.* Sexual partners of persons infected with HIV, hepatitis A (HAV), or hepatitis B (HBV).

**2.5(4)** Contracted agencies shall provide individuals presenting for counseling, testing, and referral services and testing positive for hepatitis C educational brochures explaining their potential risk of exposure.

**2.5(5)** Contracted agencies shall provide individuals testing positive for HCV a referral list of health care providers to aid in seeking additional follow-up testing and other hepatitis-related services.